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the electronic copy of the incident report was deleted, Sheriff Palmer retained hard copies of the initial report and final report in the records of Grant County Sheriff's Office, where these public records have always been available for inspection and copying by the public, representatives of the press, the Department of Justice, and the (police licensing agency), as required by Oregon's public records laws."

The statement did not respond to the remainder of Gray's complaint or the complaints filed with the licensing agency by at least seven others.

The police licensing agency forwarded complaints to the Oregon Department of Justice for further investigation in February. A DOJ investigation into an unspecified complaint is ongoing.

Also on Friday, the Portland newspaper The Oregonian and its reporter Les Zaitz filed a complaint against Grant County Sheriff's Office, Palmer and civil deputy Sally DeFord in Grant County Circuit Court, seeking "to declare certain records to be 'public records' and to obtain disclosure of certain records."

"For the past two months, Plaintiffs have made routine public records requests from

Defendants," the complaint states. "... At nearly every turn, however, Plaintiffs have met a stone wall of resistance."

Oregon law requires public records to be disclosed, with the exception of certain records that are exempt.

The lawsuit seeks public email, phone and social media records; information about the number of concealed handgun licenses issued, crimes reported and arrests; arrest reports where Palmer was the primary arresting officer; communications with Salvatore Cascuccio, Fred Grant Kelly and the Oregon Firearms Federation; reports concerning the investigation and arrest of Scott Willingham; and reports about the 2015 hazardous materials response to a possible contaminated envelope received by Palmer.

Palmer, DeFord and county counsel Ron Yockim did not respond to requests for comment. Boyd said Hostetter Law Group is not representing Palmer in this lawsuit.

Palmer submitted a lengthy public records request to the city of John Day before serving the city with a tort claim notice, which serves as notice of his intent to sue and protects his right to do so in the future.

City Manager Peggy Gray said as of Monday the city had not been notified that the sheriff had filed the actual lawsuit in court.

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increases in these attacks. These attacks must be invited to a system by a user, he said, often by "well-disguised emails designed to get the end user to click on an infected attachment or to go to an infected website."

Once the malicious computer code runs, it begins encrypting files, he said, and without a key, it is almost impossible to decrypt. He said the ESD is trying to determine where the ransomware was introduced into the system.

"Because we have a heightened sense of paranoia, we are proceeding quite cautiously to bring servers back online," he said. "It's a slow process. We can't always protect the end user from themselves, and that's why ransomware is as successful as it is — human nature makes us curious and we oftentimes click on links or open emails that we shouldn't."

Waltenburg said the ESD has tightened security on its email servers, implemented domain-wide ad blocking on browsers and disabled the ability to run executable files from removable media.

He also encouraged people using the ESD's services not to allow macros to run in Microsoft documents received via email or the internet and to back up files on an external drive weekly.

OYSTER FEED 2016



An added attraction to keep youngsters entertained at this year's Oyster Feed was a bounce house at Seneca Park.



Chad Holliday unloads another batch of oysters to be cooked up for the hungry crowd.



Eagle photos/Cheryl Hoefler
A muddy softball game was among the many activities at the 25th annual Seneca Oyster Feed.

County foster statistics

Here's a snapshot look at the numbers in Grant County, and statewide in Oregon during Federal Fiscal Year 2015 — October 2014-September 2015 — from the Oregon Department of Human Services "Child Welfare Data Book":

- A total of 17 children experienced at least one day in foster care in Grant County — eight, from ages 0-5, three ages 6-12, five ages 13-17 and one age 18 and older. Statewide, there were 11,238 children in foster care for at least one day.

- Grant County's rate of children in foster care fluctuated the past three years in comparison to the statewide rate. In

Grant County, the rate per 1,000 children in 2015 was 10.6, in 2014 was 5.1 and in 2013 was 8.6 percent. Statewide for those years, the rate was 8.8 in 2015, 8.9 in 2014 and 9.6 in 2013.

- The average number of months in care in Grant County was 12 months in 2015, and 9.5 in 2014. Statewide, the number was higher: 19 months in both 2015 and 2014.

- In 2015, seven children entered into the foster care program and three left. Statewide, 3,793 children came in and 3,885 left.

These numbers do not include Title IV-E eligible children served by Tribes.

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"Being a foster parent is the only stability some of these kids will ever see," she said.

She said there are so many kids out there in need and wishes more people would step up and foster. She hears many people say it would be too hard to let the kids go, but Copenhaver said people should also take into consideration "all the love, joy and laughter."

She said their own biological children realize how blessed and how wonderful their lives are, too, from the experience.

"It's a family choice," Copenhaver said.

Local foster parents will be

recognized at an appreciation barbecue on May 31.

For more information about child welfare data, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/Data-Publications.aspx>.

For information about becoming a foster parent, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/CHILDREN/FOSTERCARE/Pages/become-fosterparent.aspx>.

The Oregon Department of Human Services office in John Day is at 725 W. Main St., Suite C. For more information, call 541-575-0728, ext 248.

Thank you, Grant County for your support and kind words.

A life of public service is as much a gift to the person who serves as it is to those he is serving.



Chris Labhart

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Chris Labhart

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who attended the spaghetti feed and auction that was held for Curt Pereira.

It was a great success!

A special thank you goes to the Mennonite ladies for their generous donation of desserts. We also want to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donated.

*Sincerely,
Curt & Lisa Pereira*

The Seneca Oyster Feed Committee would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make the **25th Annual Seneca Oyster Feed** such a Big Success. All the **donations, hard work and donated time** were greatly appreciated. This year was wonderful because of you.

**Thank you,
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